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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): M. HORIUCHI et al

Serial No. : 10/697,178

Filed : October 29, 2003

For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND
PROGRAM

Art Unit : 2851

Examiner : NGUYEN, HUNG

Conf. No. : 8148

RESPONSE - 37 CFR 1.111

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2004,
the term for response to which expires on June 21, 2004.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-25, drawn to a
density adjustment method for adjusting a density of a diagnostic
image formed on a film, corresponding image processing method and
system and a program for making a computer conduct an image
processing for further prosecution on the merits, without
traverse.

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It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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